GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEPLOYMENT OF PARA MILITARY FORCES .
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of requests received from terrorism affected States to deploy para-military forces during each of the last three years and current year;

(b) the number of para-military forces deployed by the Union Government, State-wise;

(c) whether violent incidents have taken place at large scale during the Lok Sabha elections in 1999 and Assembly elections during 2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof state-wise; and

(e) the effective steps taken by the Union Government to make para-military forces more effective and check incidents of violence in terrorism and extremism affected States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)
(a)& (b):The maintenance of law and order is the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Para Military Forces are provided to assist the State Governments to maintain public order. The deployment of these forces depends upon their availability and the overall security scenario. Keeping in view these constraints, Central Para Military Forces have been deployed in various States and Union Territories. It is not in public interest to indicate the details of these forces and their levels of deployment.
(c)& (d): No, Sir. The General Elections 1999 and Assembly Elections 2000 have been by and large, peaceful.
(e) The performance of the Central Para Military Forces is reviewed from time to time and various steps have been taken to improve their effectiveness. These include introduction of rotational training, upgradation of weaponry and equipment, introduction of a new scheme for training and revision of Standard Operating Procedure of the Central Para Military Forces etc.